

DISCERNMENT – Week 4 Skit

Definition: Seeking God’s direction before acting

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

Week 4: Choose God’s way and obey

Other Scriptures: Acts 9:1-19

Characters –

Sparks Fly the Firefly
Daisy, the flower

Props –

Lantern with tag- “Sparks Fly” on one side, Prov 3:5-6 on the other

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This drama is set outside, so maybe if it’s a nice day, you can go in your backyard or to the park to put on the show!
- This week Sparks meets a colorful flower! If you have flowers around your house, you can make a crown out of them or use them to decorate Dasiy’s costume!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
 - Sparks Fly can be a boy or a girl...change the pronouns as necessary.
 - Sparks Fly is still a kid and has A LOT of energy! So, jump around and pretend to be very curious about everything.
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SFX: Nature sounds

Stage is dimly lit

Daisy: *(Sad and scared)* Ahh man! The sun has gone down, and it's so dark. I'm uh kinda scared of the dark *(reluctant to admit it, trying to act tough)*. There are so many scary sounds here in the garden and lots of creepy shadows too. You know, I WAS excited when I got my assignment: Bring joy to others by adding color and being beautiful. It sounded so easy: People love looking at colorful flowers! But it's NOT easy. It's HARD. And It's scary. Bugs try to eat you and people accidentally step on you. And then when it's dark no one sees you anyway...how can I bring joy if no one can even see me???

Sparks flies in with lantern turned on, very excited to have found a dark garden. Flies all around the garden checking out all the flowers.

Daisy: *(Surprised)* Whoa...what is that??? It's so bright and shiny and fast! Is it a bird...or a plane?? No...that's silly. Oh I know! It's a flying flashlight!

Sparks: *(So excited that he does not notice Daisy)* No way! Is this it? Did I find it? Is this the garden I'm supposed to light up??? Oh Mr. Glow is going to be so proud of me for completing my assignment! I found the dark garden!!! This is AWESOME!

Sparks keeps flying around excitedly, shining his lantern all over the garden.

Daisy: Wait a minute...That's not a flying flashlight - that's a firefly! Well, I better introduce myself. Hello there, firefly! Hello! I'm Daisy, and this is my garden!

Sparks: Oh! Hey Daisy! I'm Sparks - Sparks Fly the Firefly! *(Stands heroically)* And I'm here to light up this garden! *Sparks holds up lantern proudly*

Daisy: Wow! That lantern is BRIGHT! This is so exciting! I was just talking about how scary it gets here at night when it's dark. And now...here YOU are...lighting up the garden! Wow!!

Sparks: Did you say you're scared of the dark? Really?! I love the dark!

Daisy: Welllllllll, that's probably because you are a firefly. You know? That's kinda you're whole thing...lighting up the dark...how does that even work anyway?

Sparks: It's the way God made me!

Daisy: Really? That's...AMAZING!

Sparks: I think so too... But you wanna know something? A few weeks ago I actually thought about trading in my light for a BANANA. Can you believe that? Talk about embarrassing...bananas don't even light up, they're just yellow! Haha...buuuut then! Ollie the Oak Tree taught me all about discernment and helped me choose to keep the lantern I was born with instead.

Daisy: Oh, I know Ollie! He's so wise and have you noticed he moves so slowly? (*Shakes off the thought*) Anyway...but yea, totally discernment...that's a really big word (*scratches head*). Wait. What is discernment?

Sparks: Discernment is seeking God's direction before acting (*does motions*)!

Daisy: Seeking God's direction before acting (*does motions*). So instead of just doing something...I should ask God for direction?

Sparks: Exactly! Before I could come light up this garden, I had to STOP and PRAY about what God wanted me to do. Then I ASKED and LISTENED to what God taught me through prayer, the Bible, and a friend who loves Jesus and follows His word.

Daisy: Wait a minute...I think I remember hearing Billy the Bumblebee talking about this a few days ago when he was buzzing around in here! Did you tell him about this discernment stuff too?

Sparks: Yes! But...I don't think he listened very well. He chose to go jump with Gus the grasshopper on that new trampoline instead of working on his assignment. He and Gus had a contest to see who could jump the highest. Gus won, and Billy ended up with a broken wing and didn't complete his assignment on time.

Daisy: Ouch! Poor Billy. So is that how you ended up here in my garden? By using discernment?

Sparks: Yes ma'am! I stopped flying around with no direction, prayed about what my assignment meant, asked God what He wanted me to do, and listened to what the Bible and wise counsel said!

Daisy: The Bible told you to come to this garden exactly?

Sparks: Well, not exactly. But there was a story I read with a teacher that helped me think about who's advice I should be listening to, and that helped a lot. Oh, and guess what? This morning I was reading in the Bible about a man named Saul...

Daisy: Oh! Ohhh yea, I've heard of Saul...he was a REALLY bad guy! Did you know he killed people who believed in Jesus? But...one day, God stopped him in the middle of the road and spoke to him through a REALLY bright light, kind of like your lantern, but even brighter. God told Saul to stop what he was doing and to follow Him instead!

Sparks: Yes!!! That's right! Then God went to a man named Ananias and asked him to go talk to Saul. Ananias knew that Saul was a bad guy and he was scared. He told God he didn't want to go! But then he remembered that part of discernment is to **choose God's way and obey**. So Ananias went to Saul, prayed for him and told him all about Jesus!

Daisy: Choose God's way and obey?

Sparks: Yea! After you stop, think, ask and listen, you have a choice to make. You can **choose God's way and obey**, or you can

choose your own way. Saul chose God's way! Now, he is known as Paul...you know like THE Paul!!!

Daisy: Wow! Well...what happens if you choose your own way?

Sparks: Well, Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." It sounds like if I lean on my own understanding and choose my own way, I'll go down the wrong path!

Daisy: That doesn't sound too good...

SFX: Lights come up slowly

Sparks: No way. Hey! Look! The sun is coming up! Maybe I can go find Billy and tell him more about discernment! If he comes buzzing through here, will you tell him I'm looking for him?!

Daisy: Sure, I will!

Sparks: And don't you worry Daisy, I'll be back tonight with my lantern to light up the garden when it gets dark again!

Daisy: Oh! Okay! That sounds great, Sparks! Thank you! You completing your assignment helps me complete mine too. Yay! Ok, see you tonight!

SFX: Nature sounds